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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 1-40-85

TO: All Public and Private Adoption Agencies
All SDSS Adoption District Offices

SUBJECT: Computer-Generated Abstracts of Birth Records

REFERENCE: ACIN NO. 1-20-85

This letter is to inform you that Department of Health Services, Office of the State Registrar of Vital Statistics, has implemented the use of computer-generated abstracts of birth records which are considered more fraud-proof than the regular certified copies of birth certificates.

The certified copy abstract will include the registrant's name, date of birth, sex, county of birth, birth surname of mother, date issued, date filed, and State and local file numbers. It does not identify the father of the child.

If you wish to obtain a regular certified copy of the birth certificate, you must so specify in your request. A regular birth certificate must be obtained for any determination of Indian heritage as required under the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (ICWA).

The procedures for requesting birth information remain unchanged. Unless otherwise indicated, most requests for certified copies will be filled with abstract copies. However, an abstract copy may be exchanged for a regular certified copy at no extra cost.

If you have any questions regarding the computer-generated abstracts of birth records, you should contact Office of the State Registrar of Vital Statistics, 410 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, telephone number (916) 445-1719. Any questions regarding use of the birth certificate in relation to the ICWA may be discussed with your Adoption Program Consultant.


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